

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned PCT No. PCT/EP98/05682

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Title: ELECTRICALLY CONTROLLED VALVE

Re. Amnt.
5/9PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTBox Amendment
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Submitted herewith is a copy of a substitute specification and marked-up version.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel all of the claims presently in the application and substitute new claims 8-21 as follows:

8. An electrically activated valve comprising:
- a valve stem holding a valve member interacting with a valve seat on a valve housing;
 - a valve spring providing a force in a first direction on said valve;